proposal for budgetary support demanded by the Railways during 2000-01 and 2001-02, and received by them is as under:

(Rs in crore)

Year	Budgetary support asked for	Budgetary support received (Budget Estimate)
2000-01	4450	3291
2001-02	3540	3540

The above does not include the one-time grant sought for renewal/ replacement of overaged assets. During the year 2001-02 the Government has approved the setting up of a Rs.17,000 crore fund for this purpose and contributed Rs.1000 crore (out of the total Rs.1400 crore for the year) towards this fund. It has also extended additional budgetary support of Rs.898 crore to accelerate the completion of certain identified projects.

Superfast trains from Bhopal

†286. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under Government's consideration to run superfast trains from Bhopal to Mumbai, Kolkata and Jaipur;

(b) if not, whether the Ministry of Railways would conduct the survey regarding these demands and requirements ; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) to (c) Introduction of Habibganj-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express (weekly) (serving Bhopal-Mumbai), Bhopal - Howrah Express (weekly) and Durg-Jaipur Express (weekly) *via* Bhopal have been included in the Railways Budget 2002-2003.

Railway projects to private parties

287. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Railways has awarded some important projects to private parties under BOLT Scheme during the last two years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of these projects;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these projects could not make any progress; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Anti - Collision Device in the Railways

288. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways has developed an Anti-Collision Device (ACD) to avoid collisions;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what would be the cost of installation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Anti-Collision Devices (ACDs) are microprocessor based communication devices, fitted on locomotives, brake vans and located in stations and level crossings. These give distinct identification to the locomotives and brake vans and using the global positioning system and angular deviation count principle, detect "collision like" situations and initiate application of brakes in the locomotives in a range of 3 kms. The ACDs also help in detecting train partings and initiate warning signals at level crossings. Field trials of ACDs are being undertaken. The ACDs will be considered for provision on Indian Railways on satisfactory performance during the trials and availability of funds.

(c) The total anticipated cost of installation of ACDs on IR is Rs.1600 crores, approximately.

Linking of Barak Express and Cachar Express with Guwahati Express

289. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a meeting with Members of Parliament from